

A black and white photograph of a two-story house with a gabled roof, partially obscured by dense foliage and trees. The house has several windows and a small dormer. A paved driveway or path is visible on the right side of the image.

Form Number
1116

Place (*neighborhood or village*) North Lexington

Historic Name Reuben & Edith Mead House

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1915

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim stucco, wood shingles

Roof slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

shed (1984)

Major Alterations *(with dates)*

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 31,728 SF

Setting rural residential neighborhood

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000



BUILDING FORM (47 Robinson Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the end of Robinson Road in the northern part of Lexington, 47 Robinson Road is a two-story dwelling which exhibits elements of the Craftsman style in its stuccoed exterior and its slate hip roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. Resting above a fieldstone foundation, the front facade is three bays wide and is fronted by a single-story porch supported by plain posts resting on a stuccoed wall. Under the porch, the center entrance is flanked by sidelights. On either side of the entrance there is a three-sided bay window consisting of a 8/1 sash flanked by 6/1. On the second story of the facade the central three-sided window contains three 4/1 windows with an individual 8/1 sash on either side. Centered on the front roof slope is a hip-roofed dormer with exposed rafters and containing three small diamond-paned windows.

The north elevation is completely covered in stucco while the south side is partially sheathed in wood shingles which extend up to the second floor window sills. Extending behind the main house block is a two-story, wood-shingled addition with a lower level garage.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was constructed for Reuben and Edith Mead in 1915. Assessor's records indicate that in 1915 the Meads were living in Somerville but owned a 6 1/2 acre parcel of land on Grove Street which included a small house. By 1916 Reuben Mead had constructed a new \$5000 house on the property in addition to the \$750 cottage. In 1930 the Mead property also included a garage and hen house and the acreage of the land had increased to 11.82 acres on Robinson Road. By the late 1930s the property was occupied by Richard Morris. Members of the Morris family continued to own the property until the 1960s.

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*